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March 25, 2009

Carlotta Grandstaff
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Chairman Grandstaff:

I am responding to your February 12, 2009 letter regarding re-sale of excess rabies vaccine and rabies immune globulin (RIG). Thanks you for the information about the budget line you have established to track the re-sale of these products, and for specifying Donna Parmenter at the Ravalli County Public Health office as the key contact person for this purpose. As you may have heard, the excess rabies vaccine has already been purchased (using the process you specified) so it is the remaining RIG [124-2cc vials with expiration date February 28, 2011] which we will now help distribute as appropriate situations occur. We will follow the procedure you outlined in your letter. As we gain experience in referring potential RIG users to Donna Parmenter we may think of refinements to this procedure. If so, we will discuss these potential refinements with Judy Griffin.

I need to document one caveat. If an accident, or event beyond the control of DPHHS, were to damage whatever RIG remained at the time of that event, DPHHS cannot agree to be responsible for reimbursing for the remaining product.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with the outstanding public health team in Ravalli County. I am sure you are aware of the excellence of your team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven D. Helgerson".
Steven D. Helgerson, MD, MPH
State Medical Officer

Cc: Judy Griffin, RN, Ravalli County Health Department
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